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SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSING EXTRANCHECK

REF: BEWT CASE A293725

- 1. EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED BY CLARION SHOJI CO., LTD. (CSC), NEW KOJIMACHI BLDG., NO. 3, KOJIMACHI 5-CHOME, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, WITH A COMPLAINT THAT THEIR ORDER TO IMPORT 20,000 PCS OF LSI'S (10,000 PCS EACH FOR MODEL 5028 AND 5029) FROM SMC MICROSYSTEMS CORP., NO. 35, MARCUS BLVD., HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11787, IS BEING EXCESSIVELY DELAYED BECAUSE SMC'S EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION HAS BEEN HELD BY OEA/CD SINCE JANUARY 1978 AWAITING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S WTDR. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT, TO DATE, RECEIVED OEA/CD'S REQUEST FOR WTDR ON SUBJECT FIRM, WE HAVE MADE FOLLOWING EXTRANCHECK IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO THE AMERICAN EXPORTER.
- 2. MR. TAKASHI ISE, EXPORT DEPT OF CSC, STATED THAT 20,000 LSI UNITS ARE TO BE IMPORTED DIRECTLY BY CSC FROM SMC MICROSYSTEMS CORP. THESE WILL BE DELIVERED TO CSC'S UNCLASSIFIED

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PARENT FIRM, CLARION CO., LTD., NO. 22-10, DOGENZAKA 1-CHOME, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, TO BE INCORPORATED INTO 10,000 DECORDERS AT CLARION'S SAITAMA PLANT IN SAITAMA PREF., JAPAN. THE DECORDERS WILL THEN BE EXPORTED BY CSC TO CLARION CORP. OF AMERICA WHICH IS A CSC WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY LOCATED AT 5500 ROSECRANS AVENUE, LAWNDALE, CALIF. 90260, AND AN IMPORTER OF CLARION-MADE CAR RADIOS

AND STEREOS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN U.S. MARKET. THE DECORDERS WILL IN TURN BE RESOLD BY CLARION CORP. OF AMERICA TO AMERICAN SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION OF CALIFORNIA INC., WHICH IS A PAY-TV SERVICE FIRM LOCATED IN MARINA DEL REY, CALIF., WHO WILL LEASE THEM TO LOCAL SUBSCRIBING HOUSEHOLDS.

3. CSC WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 1962 AS A FIRM WHOLLY OWNED BY CLARION COMPANY. THE FIRM IS CAPITALIZED AT 84 MILLION YEN, HAS 60 EMPLOYEES, AND IS SPECIALIZED IN EXPORT OF CAR RADIOS AND STEREOS ASSEMBLED BY ITS PARENT FIRM, CLARION COMPANY, A MAJOR MANUFACTURER OF RADIOS AND STEREOS IN JAPAN, CAPITALIZED AT 2.1 BILLION YEN WITH 2,000 EMPLOYEES. EMBASSY'S REVISED WTDR'S ON CSC AND CLARION COMPANY ARE BEING FORWARDED TO COMMERCE.

4. RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO SMC MICROSYSTEMS CORP. ASAP. SHERMAN

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